

To: PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE	Subject: PETITIONS – REQUEST FOR REMOVAL OF PLAY AREA AND CLOSURE OF LANE, STRAWBERRY FIELDS, SOUTERHOUSE ROAD, COATBRIDGE	
From: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT		
Date: 8 th JUNE 2005	Ref: C/01/01420/FUL	

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To update members on progress being made in respect of the above subject matters.

2. Background

- 2.1 At the meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee of 4th May 2005, two reports were submitted by the Director of Administration on petitions received from residents of the Strawberry Fields Development, Souterhouse Road, Coatbridge requesting the removal of a play area (100 signatures) within that development and the closure of a lane (88 signatures) between Dounepark Way and Souterhouse Park. Following consideration of the terms of the reports the Director of Planning & Environment was requested to investigate the matter further and report back to this Committee.
- 2.2 **The play area** has been provided by the developers i.e. Persimmon Homes (West of Scotland) Ltd. as a specific requirement (under condition no. 8) of planning permission C/01/01420/FUL in respect of the erection of a residential development comprising 235 dwellinghouses at Souterhouse Road, Coatbridge dated 13th September 2002. **The lane**, which forms part of an existing pedestrian link between Souterhouse Park (to the south) with Dundyvan Road (to the north) was retained in an improved form as part of a recent planning permission (ref:C/04/00100/FUL) by the same developer for the erection of 18 dwellinghouses at Souterhouse Road, Coatbridge.

3. Sustainability Implications

- 3.1 There are no sustainability implications.

4. Proposals/Considerations

- 4.1 Persimmon Homes (West of Scotland) Ltd. have advised that a planning application is to be submitted for the closure of the lane and incorporation into the garden grounds of the adjoining residential properties. The affected land is all within the ownership of Persimmon and the anticipated planning application will be processed in accordance with normal departmental practice. In the event that planning permission is granted then the formal Stopping Up Procedures will be initiated.

4.2 Persimmon Homes have been advised that a request has been made for the removal of the play area. To formalise any removal of this play area a planning application would require to be submitted for the "non-compliance with condition no. 8 of planning permission C/01/01420/FUL" which required the provision of the play area within the Strawberry Fields development. A response is currently awaited from the developer on this matter.

5. Corporate Considerations

5.1 There are no corporate considerations.

6. Recommendations

6.1 It is recommended that the Committee notes the contents of this report and that further reports on both matters will be referred to Committee in due course.



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18th May 2005

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